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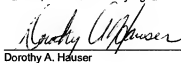
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"VEHICLE ROOF STRUCTURE FOR
MOTOR VEHICLE"

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

This communication is in response to the Examiner's Statement of the Reasons for Allowance of the claims, included with the Notice of Allowability, mailed September 2, 2008.

In the Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner indicates that the primary reason for allowance of the claims "is the inclusion of the limitation 'a linkage mechanism arranged and constructed to move the roof part between the closed position and the opened position, and at least one guide device arranged and constructed to contact the roof part during one segment of the movement path between the opened position and the closed position, wherein the guide device includes at least one guide element arranged and constructed to be supported on the convertible top compartment lid or the vehicle body, the at least one guide element being arranged and constructed to contact and then move along a guide path defined on the roof part when the roof part is moving from its closed position to its opened position and thereby effect a directional change of the movement path of the roof part when the guide device arrives in contact with the roof part.'"

Applicants respectfully submit that the Reasons for Allowance set forth only some of the independent reasons for allowance of independent Claims 11 and 25. In this regard, other independent reasons exist for the allowability of independent Claims 11 and 25 and for the allowability of the dependent claims which provide additional and different independent bases for allowance of the claims.

The undersigned is available for telephone consultation during normal business hours at the below-identified phone number.

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